

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7, 9-18, 20 and 21 are currently pending in the application. Claims 6, 8, 18, 22-24 have been cancelled. Claim 18 has been amended in this response. The Specification has been amended. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Objection to the Specification

The Specification was objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) as lacking support for the term “stiffening member” Applicant has amended paragraph [0005] of the published application to recite the term “stiffening member” and to further note that the stiffening member enhances rigidity in one plane. Support for this amendment can be found in original paragraph [0005] as filed and claim 6 as filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added to the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Objection to the Claims

Claim 18 was objected to for lacking antecedent basis for the term “lateral attachment member”. As suggested by the Examiner, Applicant has deleted the word “lateral” before “attachment member” in claim 18. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 USC §112

The Examiner has rejected claim 24 under 35 USC §112 as failing to comply with the written description. The Examiner has taken the position that the original disclosure does not include some of the language recited in claim 24. Applicant notes that the written specification in combination with the drawings as originally filed provide support for all the features of claim 24. However, in order to expedite allowance of the application, Applicant has deleted claim 24 from this application. As such, the rejection under 35 USC §112 is deemed moot.

Allowed Claims

Applicant gratefully acknowledged the Examiner’s allowance of claims 1-5, 7, 9-18, 20 and 21. In light of the amendments above, Applicant submits that the application is now in

condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding Applicant's amendments or response, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at (215) 988-3303.

Respectfully submitted,

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